Doordarshan in the State of Orissa are given in Statement below.

Statement

Location-wise details of TV transmitters under implementation in the State of Orissa

HPT

BALESHWAR
SAMBALPUR (Augmentation)

LPT

NAYAGARH
SONEPUR
MOHANA
TUSHARA/SAINTAL
PADUA
KABISURYANAGAR
SOHELA
KARANJIA
RAJGANGPUR
UMARKOT
BIRMITRAPUR
KHARIAR
SIMLIGUDA
JALPARA
GONDIYA/KAPILAS
KOTPAD
KULAD
PATNAGARH

VLPT

AUL
MACHHKUND
THUAMAL RAMPUR
CHITRAKONDA
KASHIPUR
LANJIGARH
JAYAPATNA
BADA BARBIL
SIMLIPALGARH
UDAIGIRI
SUKINDA
KOKSARA
KALAMPUR
BARPALLI
NAGCHI

TRANSPOSERS

DHENKANAL
CHANDIPARA

Hike in IA Fares

426. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines have at long last announced a steep hike in fares by over 16%;

(b) if so, the details of the fare hikes, indicating the reasons for such hikes; and

(c) how it has affected the fare structures of other private air operators in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines has increased its domestic fares by 10% on its North-Eastern Sectors and by an average of 16.3% on other domestic sectors effective from 22nd September, 1996 to offset the increase in various input costs including fuel cost.

(c) Private Operators are free to charge fares on commercial considerations.

Violation of FERA by Corporate Houses

427. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many Corporate Houses in India are freely violating provisions of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA);

(b) whether Government are aware that the most common technique of moving significant amounts of capital out of a country is by over-invoicing imports and under-invoicing exports;

(c) whether Government are also aware that an unofficial estimate by the World Bank said that the unaccounted money of Indians kept in various tax havens is at dollars 100 billion, whereas India's total external debt is about dollars 95 billion; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to plug the loopholes and apprehend the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Instances of violation of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act by Corporate Houses through invoice manipulation have come to Government's notice.

(c) and (d) These are unofficial estimates. However, the Enforcement Directorate maintains a strict/constant vigil to apprehend persons involved in such illegal activities.

Internal and External DEBT

428. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the internal and external debts of Government as on 31st March, 1996 and the amount due to be paid within two years?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): The details are as under:—

	(Rs. crore)
(i) Internal debt outstanding as on 31.3.1996 (1995-96 RE)	303359
(ii) External debt on Govt. account outstanding as on 31.3.1996	148387

(iii) Principal due for repayment

	(Rs. Crore)	
	1997-98	1998-99
Internal debt (Market loans)	10903	14803
External debt on Govt. account	7447	7521

Revising the policy for private airlines

429. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain changes have been made by Government in its policy for private airlines operating in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the objective in revising the policy for operation of private airlines in the country; and

(d) what is the reaction of the private airlines operators in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d) A proposal to review the policy on domestic air transport services is under consideration of the Government.

Concern expressed by World Bank on poor performance of projects in India

430. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has recently expressed its concern at the poor performance of different projects financed by it in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) In the India Country Economic Memorandum, 1996 published by the World Bank, the World Bank has mentioned "over the last few years, the Government has taken several specific measures to improve the utilisation of ODA. While these measures have accelerated aid disbursements, there remains scope for further improvements."

(c) Government have already taken a number of steps to improve utilisation of externally aided projects. These include ensuring adequate provisioning for externally aided projects, release of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) as 100% additionality, advance release of ACA to the States, standardisation of bidding documents and steamlining of procurement procedures, disintermediating on flow of external aid to Cental PSUs, portfolio Rationalisation and setting up of Project Management Unit in Department of Economic Affairs. In addition, recently central ministries and state governments